

Sunday 14th December - Advent 3

10:30am Youth and Children Take-over Service Follow that Star! Anything could happen!

4:30pm
Carols Round the Crib – Café Church with mince pies
Come and sing your favourite carols as we begin the journey to
celebrate the Coming of Christ!



If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome. Please email your details to office@stlukeswatford.org and we will email back a welcome form for you to complete.

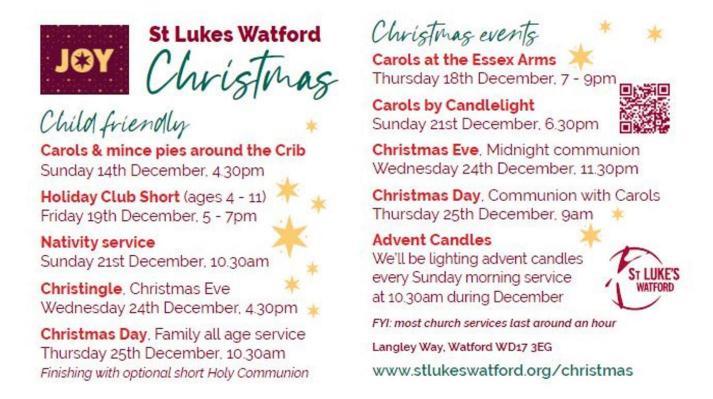
Weekly updates by email – contact church office if you would like to receive them

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The office is closed on Wednesdays and 24th December until 5th January 2026

December Tuesday 16th	
10:00	Holy Communion
17:30 – 18:45	Kid's Club – Christmas Party - Hall
19:00 – 21:00	Parminter's Christmas 9 Lessons and Carols - Church
20:00	Focus - Zoom
Thursday 18th	
09:15	Nursery Nativity in Cassiobury Infants School
19:00 – 21:00	Carols at the Essex Arms
Friday 19th	
10:00 – 11:00	Hour of Prayer - Chapel
17:00 – 19:00	Holiday Club Short – Christmas Party
Sunday 21st	Advent 4
10:30	Nativity Service
18:30	9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Christmas is coming....



Thank you to all the stalwart Santa Helpers for their extraordinary preparation and efforts to produce absolutely beautiful love-filled hampers for those who face a tough time at Christmas.

Celebrations: Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Next Sunday morning – 21st **December – is our Church Nativity** when we will do the Nativity from the animals' point of view narrated by a Dormouse! We invite children to come in costume (dog, rabbit, mole, mouse, donkey, ox, owl, lizard, sheep, camel etc) or to come early and dress up in the church nativity clothes. The story will a narrated telling of the Nativity with the children acting it out.

Please pray for our 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight service at 6:30pm on Sunday 21st December as we welcome many people from our community.

Help needed for Christingle Making on Christmas Eve. Production line will start at 2:30pm for a 4:30pm start to the service. Young and older are welcome to join in the fun!

Please collect your Christmas stamps and put them in the box in the foyer. Pam W is sorting them for various charities.

Actors urgently needed - casting is nearly complete for our Sunday morning performances of Acts in January and February 2026.

We still need:

Jan 11th - 3 actors; Feb 1st - 2 actors; Feb 15th 8 actors
Parts have from 2 to 10 lines each and no memorisation needed.

If you haven't already offered your acting skills and want to be part of these dramas, please contact Pam N at pam.stlukes@gmail.com You must be available for the rehearsals at 6 pm on the Saturday night before the Sunday play, and at 9 am on the day of the play. **Props and help** - if you would like to make props or help back stage, let us know.

New Wine Women's Day Saturday 7th February 2026 New Wine Women's Day Update. This event will be held at Christ Church Barnet, EN5 4LA and tickets cost £25. We are asking people to make their own way there but lifts can be organised for those of you needing one. If you would like to come along, go to https://new-wine.org/reset-book-tickets/. More details to follow.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world. At home, please pray for the church, and let us thank God for his goodness. Let us encourage one another to go deeper into God's Word, to pray and to persevere.

World Watch List: Vietnam (44th area of religious persecution)

Partners in Mission: Please pray for New Hope's Christmas appeal, 'Home for Christmas' www.newhope.org.uk/home

Please pray for Jessica Sullivan and James Sweeney as they are married at St Mary Magdalene Church, Latimer on Friday 19th December.

Our church family in need: Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthy D; Barbara T; Veronica C; Alured D; Pat W.

Our wider family and friends in need: C. Gou, Stephanie's dad; Graham, Jeremy's dad; Alison M, Bill M's sister; Brenda and Peter T; Jean, Pam R's mum; Heather S; John M and Valerie, friends of David W; Penny A's niece, Jo; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's mother, Eileen R and brother Stephen R; Janine (Gill E's sister) and others we know and love.

Those in mourning: Angela F for her good friend, **Christopher** and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

Giving Thanks: We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week. The next prayer list is **purple.** Please do take one home to pray over.